

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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Subject : Miscellaneous Information

Purpose

This memo informs you of the following:

- Internet Registration Renewal
- Manufacturer—Licensing Changes
- 4-Door Pickups

Internet Registration Renewal

Only customers of insurance providers that electronically report the insurance verification to DMV can renew through the Internet. Currently, those companies are:

- 21st Century Insurance Company
- Amica Mutual Insurance Company
- Automobile Club of Southern California
- California State Automobile Association
- Farmer's Insurance Group
- GEICO
- Mercury Insurance Company
- Progressive Insurance
- State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
- State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
- The Hartford
- Travelers
- USAA

Manufacturer—Licensing Changes

The manufacturers below **are no longer licensed** to conduct business in California:

<i>Manufacturer's Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Fleetwood Travel Trailer	Omaha, NE	AVION	August 31, 2001
DACO Trailer Corp.	Pocahontas, AR	DACO	October 31, 2001
Starcraft	Goshen, IN	STRCR	November 31, 2001

4-Door Pickups

Due to the overwhelming popularity of sport utility type vehicles, some 4-door pickups are being advertised and marketed as sport utility vehicles. While these vehicles may be used by their owners as sport vehicles or may be considered luxury pickups, **the body is constructed with an open box-type bed which requires them to be registered as pickups in California.** Examples include, but are not limited to, Nissan Frontier, Chevrolet Avalanche, Ford Sport Trac, and Lincoln Blackwood.

If these vehicles are erroneously identified as sport utility on the Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397), they will be incorrectly registered with automobile license plates and the customers will be subject to citation by law enforcement.

Unless 4-door pickups have been altered, for example by the addition of a permanently attached camper, report their body type model as pickup (body type code "PK").

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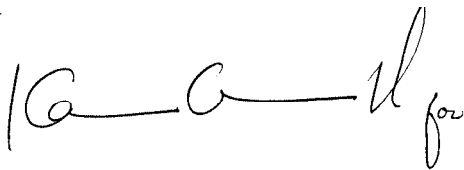
This memo was distributed in MARCH 2002 to the following:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

Contact

Contact your local DMV field office regarding questions on processing transactions or contact the DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo.

Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candy Wohlford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Wohlford" being more prominent.

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